
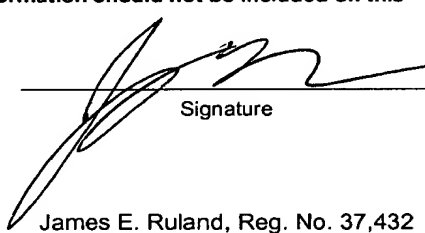


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	In re Application of Mark VERRALL et al.	
	Application Number 09/859,482	Filed May 18, 2001
	For AN ANISOTROPIC POLYMER LAYER	
	Group Art Unit 1772	Examiner Sow Fun Hon
<p>Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, <u>September 22, 2003</u>, rejecting the following claims: <u>14-28 and 30-34</u>.</p> <p>The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$ <u>330.00</u>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>13-3402</u>. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22) is enclosed.</p> <p>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p>I am the</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> _____ Signature James E. Ruland, Reg. No. 37,432 _____ Typed or printed name January 22, 2004 _____ Date</div> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> *Total of _____ forms are submitted.</p>		

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